



Mr. James Eddie O'Neal

October 18, 1954 - January 22, 2015

James Eddie O'Neal was born on October 18, 1954 and was raised in Frankfort, KY. He was the son of the late James Church and Mary Hodson O'Neal.

James had a great love of music, playing the keyboard and bass guitar. He enjoyed playing classic rock, but had a wonderful appreciation for all genres of music. He always enjoyed a good jam session with friends. Thanks to Tim Martin and "Floyd the Barber" for letting him play with you guys!

James had a passion for flowers and gardening. He strived to make life just a bit more beautiful in everything he did, from gardening to building things to home decorating. He liked cooking and was actually quite good at it. He also loved computers and gadgets and did home computer repair.

James was the Store Manager and co-owner of Hughes True Value Hardware in Stamping Ground, KY for many years. Leslie has said that James never met a stranger. He couldn't go anywhere without someone knowing him and stopping to talk. Everyone who knows James knows how he loved to talk!

He had a strict work ethic. He had worked hard since he was a teenager and couldn't wait to retire and spend more time at home. Most people probably don't realize that James was an insurance agent and over-the-road truck driver before he worked at Amazon. He worked for thirteen years at Amazon, where he was loved and respected by all. James was a great problem solver and a loyal friend. He also had a silly side and loved telling corny jokes!

James and Leslie met at work and became a couple on January 15, 2004.

Two years later, on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2006, they spoke their vows as man and wife, living out the fairy tale love story that most people only dream of finding. They spent 11 years showing the world what true love looks like. Their sincere caring for one another and the obvious love that shone in their eyes when they spoke of one another changed many people's lives, making them believe in love again. I can't think of a better legacy for this man. Besides his wife, James is survived by a daughter, Lisa; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Justin, and Brianna; a sister, Ann (Randall) Moore; a brother, Kavanaugh O'Neal; Father and Mother-in-law Dr. Earle (Louise) Louder; brothers-in-law, Joe (Portia) Louder and Steve (Betty) Louder, sisters-in-law, Mary Nixon and Kathy (Mike) Norman, and a host co-workers and friends. He also left behind three cockatiels that he dearly cared for, Pepper, Smokey, and No-Name. He loved his "birdies" very much. Services are still pending.